Simple and complex sentences

Grade 3 Sentences Worksheet

Write if the following sentences are simple or complex.

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2. Melissa purchased some groceries while she was in town.

3. Though Blake is strong, he could not lift this box.

4. Frank closed his eyes.

5. After they watched the game, they walked back home.

6. Jamie choose his favorite seat because he was first.

7. Lionel always told jokes.

8. The cat sniffed the plate curiously.

9. The dog barked whenever he saw another dog.

10. They loaded the minivan.

11. They loaded the minivan with their luggage.

12. They loaded the minivan because they had to leave soon.

A simple sentence expresses just one thought:

The boy ran to the store.

Complex sentences add more information starting with words like because, though, before, after, although, while, when, whenever and once.

The boy ran to the store because his mom told him to.
Answers

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